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1. THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF LATE CYPRIOT PRESIDENT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS HAVE DOMINATED THE GREEK MEDIA SINCE LAST WEEK, CULMINATING IN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF THE FUNERAL AND INTERMENT YESTERDAY. IN ADDITION TO THE PRESENTATION OF THE FACTS, THERE WAS A WEALTH OF DESCRIPTIVE REPORTING ON RADIO, TV AND IN THE PRESS. COMMON THEMES SEEMED TO BE THAT WHILE CYPRUS SUFFERED A TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY LOSS, THE "ORPHANED" NATION MUST CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE PATH CHARTED BY MAKARIOS TO ACHIEVE HIS "VISION" OF AN INDEPENDENT, UNITED AND FREE CYPRIOT STATE. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL, THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE HAVE TO REMAIN UNITED, AND, AT THE SAME TIME, CAN BE ASSURED OF CONTINUED FIRM SUPPORT FROM GREECE.

2. THE MEDIA GAVE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO PREPARATIONS FOR THE FUNERAL AND TO THE VARIOUS FOREIGN DELEGATIONS ARRIVING IN NICOSIA. THE U.S. DELEGATION RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE FAVORABLE NOTICE THROUGHOUT THE MEDIA. CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER'S
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IMPORTANCE WAS UNDERLINED, AS WAS THE PRESENCE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S SISTER, MRS. RUTH STAPLETON. THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR CYPRUS, CLARK CLIFFORD, ALSO RECEIVED SPECIAL ATTENTION.

3. THE MONDAY AFTERNOON AND TUESDAY MORNING PRESS GAVE GOOD PLAY TO CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN

NICOSIA. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS CITED THE STATEMENT AND REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO MR. CLIFFORD AS EVIDENCE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S CONTINUING PERSONAL INTEREST IN FINDING AN EARLY SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS QUESTION.

4. MR. CLIFFORD'S REMARKS YESTERDAY TO A CYPRIOT TELEVISION REPORTER, IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED GRIEF AT THE DEATH OF MAKARIOS, RECEIVED GOOD COVERAGE IN THE MEDIA TODAY, ESPECIALLY HIS COMMENTS ON THE NEED TO "CONTINUE THE WORK TO WHICH THE ARCHBISHOP HAD DEDICATED HIS LIFE." OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS, SOME NEWSPAPERS SAW MR. CLIFFORD'S INCLUSION IN THE U.S. DELEGATION AS EVIDENCE THAT "SECOND CLIFFORD MISSION" WAS UNDERWAY (REFTEL). THIS THEME WAS CONTINUED TODAY IN COMMUNIST (KKE-EXTERIOR) RIZOSPASTIS WHICH HEADLINED "NEW CLIFFORD ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE NATO SOLUTION ON THE CYPRIOT QUESTION". IT REPORTED THAT THE INTERVAL BETWEEN THE BURIAL YESTERDAY AND THE DEPARTURE OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TODAY WOULD BE USED BY CLIFFORD FOR DISCUSSIONS IN NICOSIA. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS AND THE RADIO ANNOUNCED CLIFFORD WOULD HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE THE DEPARTURE OF THE US DELEGATION. PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY SENATOR SARBANES AND CONGRESSMAN BRADEMAS, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE AND THE NEED FOR A JUST SOLUTION, WERE CARRIED IN INDEPENDENCE KATHIMERINI.

5. VARIOUS EVENTS WERE ORGANIZED IN ATHENS TO HONOR MAKARIOS. PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS, MUCH OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CABINET AND OTHER OFFICIALS ATTENDED A REQUIEM AT THE CATHEDRAL AT THE SAME TIME AS THE FUNERAL WAS TAKING PLACE IN NICOSIA. THE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES, IN A RARE DISPLAY OF UNITY, HELD A RALLY LAST EVENING HONORING ARCHBISHOP MAKRIOS AT ATHENS UNIVERSITY. GOVERNMENT OFFICES, BANKS, SHOPS, ETC, WERE CLOSED ALL DAY AND THE GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF GREEK WORKERS CALLED FOR A HALF-HOUR WORK STOPPAGE IN TRIBUTE TO MAKARIOS. FINALLY, WHILE MOST CLUTURAL EVENTS WERE CANCELLED OR POSTOPONED, A SOLD-OUT CONCERT BY GREECE'S FAMED COMPOSER MIKIS THEODORAKIS CONTINUED AS SCHEDULED, DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE CYPRIOT PRESIDENT.

6. THE PRESS AUGUST 9 PRAISED THE FCO ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL RECOGNIZE AS PRESIDENT OF ALL OF CYPRUS WHOEVER IS ELECTED UNDER THE COUNTRY'S CONSTITUTION OF 1960. INITIAL RADIO REPORTS ON FORMER SECRETARY CLIFFORD'S PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE PICK UP HIS REMARKS INDICATING THAT THE USG RECOGNIZES THE CONSTITUTIONALLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS AND THAT THE U.S. IS WILLING TO HELP, IF ASKED, TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. THE REPORTS ALSO INDICATE THAT

MR. CLIFFORD SAID THE USG HAD NO REASON TO INTERVENE IN
THE SUCCESSION PROBLEM IN CYPRUS AND WOULD FOLLOW THE
POLICY ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT CARTER IN JANUARY 1977
AIMED AT ACHIEVING A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT.

7. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT FAMAGUSTA, THE PRESIDENT'S
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IS REPORTED TO HAVE DECLINED TO COMMENT
EXCEPT TO SAY THAT ANY ACTION TO CHANGE THE SITUATION WOULD BE
A MISTAKE. HE REPORTEDLY ALSO CRITICIZED THE TURKS, ACCORDING
TO THE GREEK RADIO REPORTS, FOR CONDUCTING MILITARY EXERCISES
NEAR NICOSIA THE DAY OF PRESIDENT MAKARIOS' FUNERAL. FINALLY,
THESE RADIO REPORTS STATED THAT HE DECLINED TO COMMENT ON A
QUESTION CONCERNING THE STATUS OF AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE SCHAUFELER.

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